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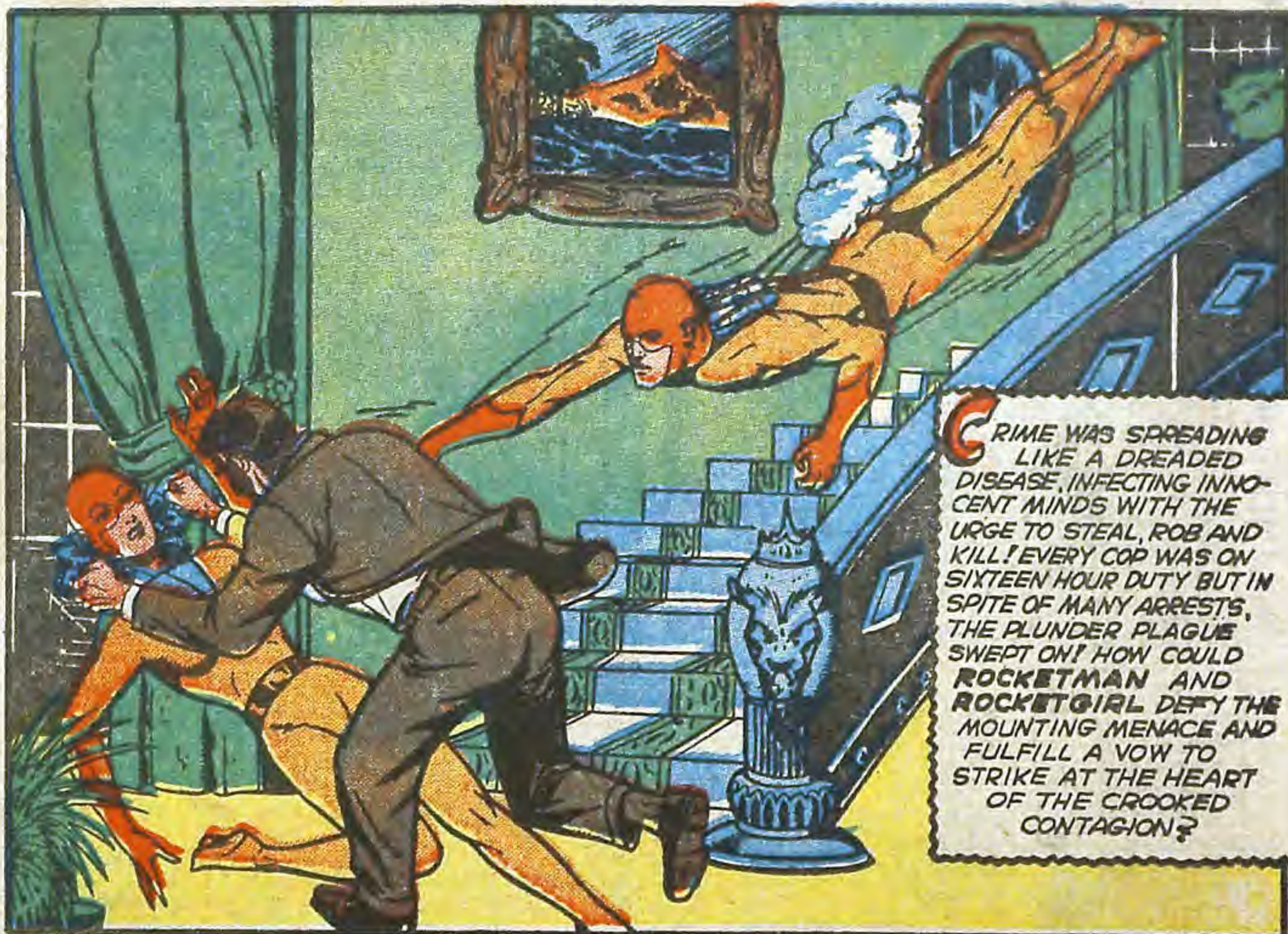
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CRIME WAS SPREADING LIKE A DREADED DISEASE, INFECTING INNOCENT MINDS WITH THE URGE TO STEAL, ROB AND KILL! EVERY COP WAS ON SIXTEEN HOUR DUTY BUT IN SPITE OF MANY ARRESTS, THE PLUNDER PLAGUE SWEEPED ON! HOW COULD **ROCKETMAN** AND **ROCKETGIRL** DEFY THE MOUNTING MENACE AND FULFILL A VOW TO STRIKE AT THE HEART OF THE CROOKED CONTAGION?



A SNARLING JUVENILE DELINQUENT IS CAUGHT AS HE TRIES TO SNEAK INTO HIS HOME...

LAY OFF ME, COPPER! YOU CAN'T PROVE NOTHING!

OH, NO? THE KID YOU PULLED THAT STICKUP WITH WAS HAULED IN-- AND HE SPILLED EVERYTHING!



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, FLATFOOT! JOEY WOULDN'T DARE TELL WHO GAVE US THE GUN!

THAT'S THE BITTER TRUTH! THEY'RE ALL MORE AFRAID OF MR. X THAN THEY ARE OF THE HOT SEAT!



BUT, OFFICER! FREDDIE WAS ALWAYS A GOOD BOY! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE SUDDENLY TURNED BAD!

LADY, IF YOU KNEW THE ANSWER, THE CHIEF WOULD PIN A MEDAL ON YOU!

ROCKETMAN







I'M TAKING NO CHANCE ON THESE KIDS IF ROCKETMAN SUSPECTS THEM! I'D BETTER STAGE ANOTHER EXECUTION!



I DIDN'T TELL 'EM—HONEST I DIDN'T, SKIPPER!

OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T! MR. X WANTS ALL YOU KIDS IN SQUAD THIRTEEN AT GANG HEADQUARTERS TONIGHT--PASS THE WORD AROUND!



COMMISSIONER WANTS YOU, INSPECTOR. IS THE KID STARTING TO BREAK DOWN?

NO, HE'S AS TOUGH AS THE GROWN-UP THUGS WE'VE THIRD DEGREE'D! THIS MR. X MUST HYPNOTIZE 'EM!

WHA--? ROCKETMAN! WHERE'S THE COMMISSIONER?

HE RUSHED DOWN TO THE LOCKUP TO SEE FREDDIE, THE KID WHO WAS PULLED IN FOR THE ROBBERY!



YOU TOLD THE COMMISSIONER WHO MR. X IS, AND HE THINKS THE KID WILL BREAK DOWN WHEN HE TELLS HIM? PHOOEY!

AND MORE PHOOEY, INSPECTOR! BECAUSE MR. X--WHOEVER HE IS--PRETENDS TO BE JOHN C. DAVIS!



YOU WERE RIGHT, ROCKETMAN! FREDDIE BROKE WHEN I NAMED DAVIS! BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE INSPECTOR?

FAINTED. THIS CRIME WAVE IS WEARING OUT YOUR MEN. WE'VE GOT TO NAIL MR. X TONIGHT!



YOU'RE UP AGAINST A MASTER CROOK, A SVENGALI! WE'LL WIRE MR. DAVIS TO RETURN FROM FLORIDA!

DAVIS IS TOO ILL TO TRAVEL. WE'RE GOING OVER TO HIS HOUSE NOW FOR A LOOK-SEE.



THAT OLD CROOK DISGUISED HIMSELF AS MR. DAVIS AND TAUGHT THOSE POOR BOYS TO ROB AND STEAL!

NOW THEY'RE TEACHING HIM! BUT HE DIDN'T WORK ALONE -- LET'S FIND HIS HENCHMEN!

WHY DIDN'T YOU STEP ON THE BUZZER WHEN YOU LET 'EM IN? GET UNDER THE STAIRS AND USE THAT GUN THIS TIME!

GUARD THE FRONT DOOR--HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU DON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME, BABY!

ROCKETMAN!

THE COPS AIN'T AS ROUGH AS ROCKETMAN! I'M CALLING IT QUIT!

LATER-- AT HEADQUARTERS...

THE KIDS ALMOST KILLED WHITEY BURKE! HE AND SKIPPER NASH ARE IN THE PRISON WARD!

THE BUTLER ADMITTED HIS PAL WHITEY HYPNOTIZED THE KIDS, SO THE LAW WON'T HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CRIMES!

AFTER A HEARING IN COURT THE NEXT DAY.

JUDGE BAKER RELEASED THE BOYS WHO HAD NO PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORDS.

PLEASE--TELL MR. MARTIN TO THANK ROCKETMAN AND ROCKETGIRL--IF HE EVER FINDS OUT WHO THEY ARE!

MASTER KEY



Grafty brains turn a simple preservative into a dangerous device for harvesting a bumper crop from the fields of crime. The police are baffled, banks hire extra guards. —But Ray Cardell, alias Master Key, picks up a simple clue that leads him into a sinister rendezvous where freezing death awaits!

THE JANITOR STARTS FIRING THE FURNACE AT FIVE FIFTEEN, ZIP!

THEN SHE'LL BLOW ANY MINUTE, MAC. I'M GETTING JITTERY!





The wastepaper gag covers Ray's hasty retreat from the bank to his laboratory--

THAT WATER PUDDLE AND THESE FIBERS ADD UP TO A REAL CLUE FOR **MASTER KEY** TO WORK ON!



LOOKIT, MICKEY! THAT'S **MASTER KEY**!

WHAT WOULD HE BE WANTING AT ZIP'S ICE CREAM JOINT?



A CINCH TO TUMBLE THIS LOCK, BUT MAKING ZIP OPEN UP MAY PROVE TOUGH. HE'S DONE TIME FOR BURGLARY.



HEY, YOU! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF BUSTIN' IN HERE?

DOOR WAS OPEN, CHUM. NOW GIVE ME A PINT OF VANILLA IN A FIBER BAG WITH DRY ICE!



THIS DRY ICE COSTS YOU A DIME EXTRA--ER, HEY! I SEEN PICTURES OF YOU!



BUT YOU'RE NOT TIPPING OFF ZIP LINDSAY I'M HERE!

OWW! LET ME GO! I'LL YELL!!



TRY AND SHOUT, NOW, CHUM! THE X-RAY BEAM FROM MY LEFT EYE HAS **PARALYZED** YOUR VOCAL CORDS!



MAKE YOURSELF SCARCE
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
WIND UP BEHIND BARS!



Big Mack hears the scuffle above—

THAT DOESN'T SOUND
LIKE ZIP OR MAXIE, AN'
I'D HAVE HEARD ZIP
COME OUTTA THE
STORAGE ROOM!



ZIP IS FUSSING
AROUND WITH
SOMETHING IN
THERE THAT
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
ICE CREAM TO ME!



OKAY, SNOOPER!

HERE'S THE
PAYOFF FOR
BEIN' NOSEY!

OIL THOSE
TRAPDOOR
HINGES. NEXT
TIME, I HEARD
YOU COMIN' THRU!



DROP THAT
CHOPPER OR
I'LL BURN
YOUR HAND
TO A CRISP!

HEY!
STOP IT!
DON'T-!



YOU AIN'T LEAVIN'
HERE ALIVE,
MASTER KEY!



GUESS AGAIN,
ZIP!

THE POLICE DIDN'T
TUMBLE TO THE
CLUES YOU LEFT
IN THE VAULT-- SO
I DROPPED AROUND!

STOP IT!
YOU'RE BURNING
MY EYES!





MACK PLANTED A SEALED CONTAINER OF DRY ICE ON THE PIPES. WHEN THE STEAM CAME UP, SUDDEN EXPLOSION OF THE GAS BURST THE VAULT!



AND ICE CREAM CONTAINERS MADE VERY SWEET CONCEALMENT FOR YOUR LOOT, ZIP!

DON'T TURN YOUR HEAD, MASTER KEY! I'VE GOT A GUN ON YOUR BACK!



THAT DIDN'T MISS! DIVE FOR HIS LEGS, ZIP!

OOW! NOW YOU'LL GET IT, SMART GUYS!

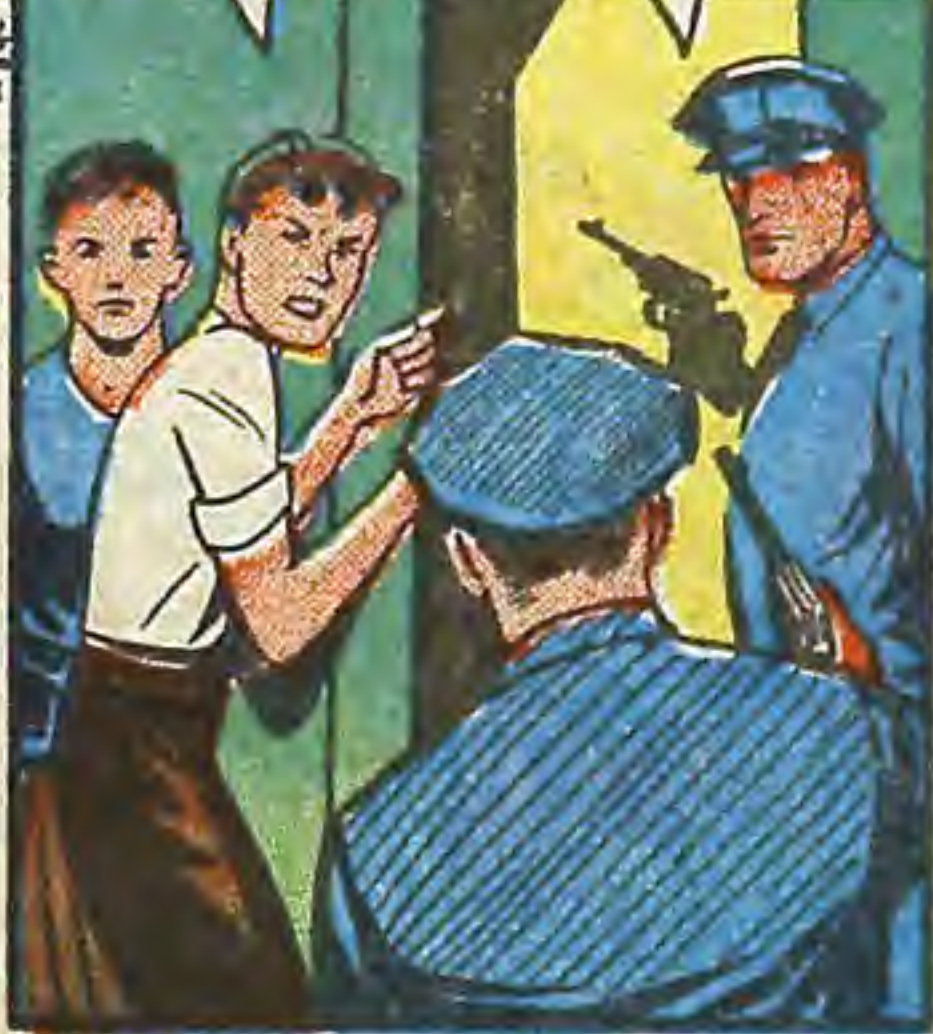
BETTER CALL IT QUITS, BIG MACK!

NO MORE! STOP!



YEAH, I HEARD SHOTS, AND WE SAW MASTER KEY GO IN HERE!

I KNEW ZIP COULDN'T GO STRAIGHT!



WHAT'S THE CHARGE AGAINST THEM, MASTER KEY?

THE NATIONAL CITY TRUST JOB. THE LOOT IS IN THE ICE CREAM CANS.



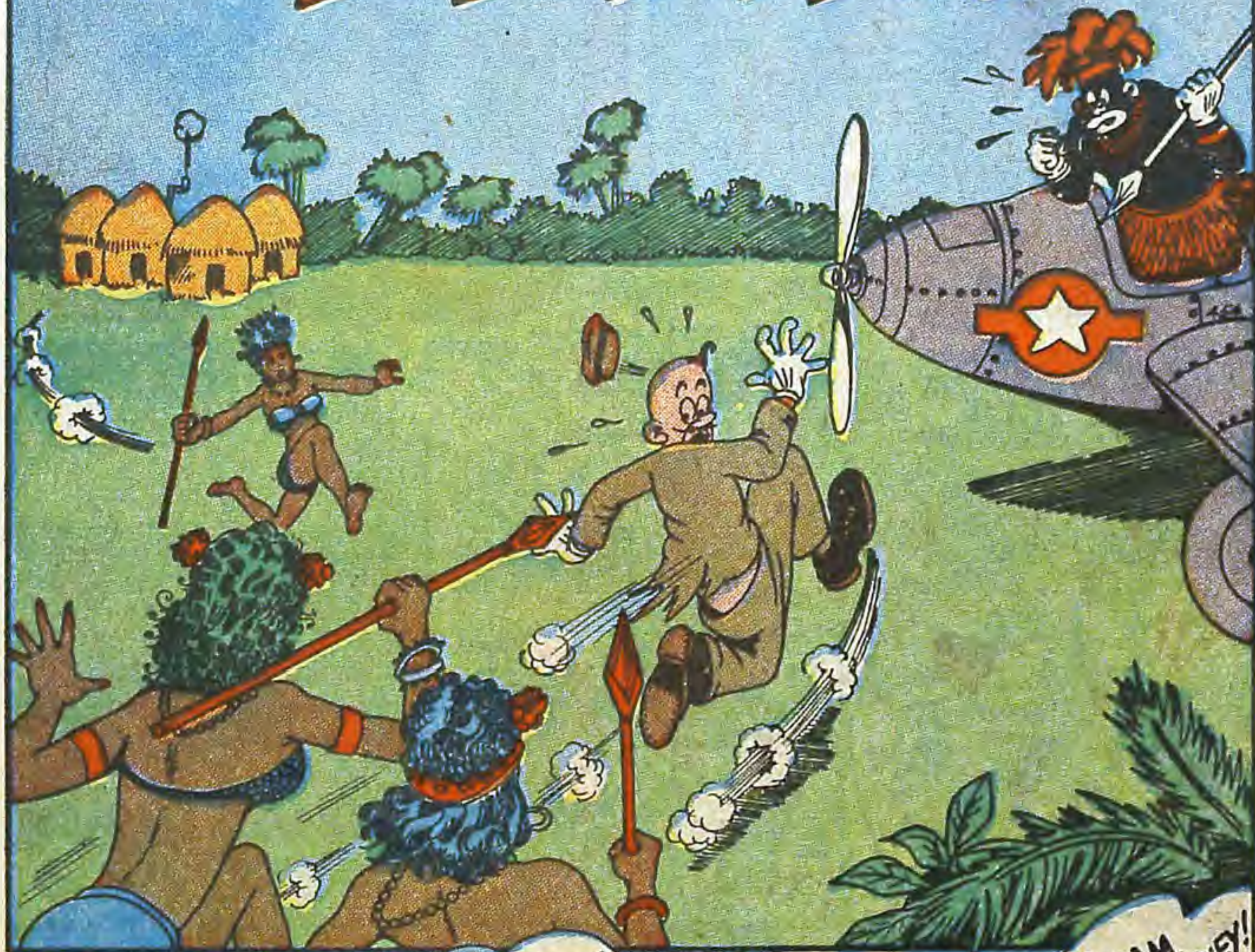
Three minutes later, when Master Key has disappeared--

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID ABOUT MASTER KEY, CASEY?

I SAID HE'S GOT MORE ON THE BALL THAN OUR WHOLE POLICE FORCE, INSPECTOR!



"HAPPY" LANDING



AT TACTICAL AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, A WAC'S GAZE WANDERS FROM HER TYPING--

OOOH! I SUPPOSE THEY'D THROW ME IN THE GUARDHOUSE IF I WHISTLED AT A SUPERIOR OFFICER!



HIYA, BABE!

WHATCHA DOIN' TONIGHT, HUH? I GOTTA PASS FROM THE C.O.!

GO LAY AN EGG ON TOKYO, PRIVATE LANDING! **DON'T BOTHER ME!** --I'M BUSY TYPING RECLASSIFICATIONS!



FIRST TIME I EVER SEEN YOU SWEATING IT OUT, SISTER! THE OLD MAN MUST BE PAYING YOU **TIME AND A HALF!**

SCRAM, GREASEMONKEY! G'WAN AND YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!











I KNEW MY LUCK COULDN'T LAST! BETTER DIG ME A NICE FOXHOLE DEEP IN THE JUNGLE!

COME BACK HERE, YOU!



THE NEXT DAY--

LOOK, WAIK'WAH! A YANKEE SOLDIER BOY!

WHEW! IT'S ABOUT TIME I CALLED A HALT AND GRABBED SOME SHUT-EYE!



EATS! -- JEEPERS, YOU GALS MUST BE MIND READERS!

YOU BOY MEBBE GOT KNIVES AND TRINKETS FOR US!



NO TRINKETS, BABY-- BUT HERE'S SOMETHING BETTER!

EEEE!



OH--OH, GUESS THEY DON'T GO IN FOR NECKING IN THIS NECK OF THE JUNGLE!

CRAZY SOLDIER TRY TO BITE ME! **KILL HIM!**



MY LUCK'S CHANGED AGAIN! WHAT A BREAK TO FIND A PLANE ON THIS EMERGENCY AIRSTRIP!

WHITE BOY ESCAPE-- MEBBE HIS BIG BOSS PAY REWARD FOR CAPTURE!



A SHORT WHILE LATER--

HERE Y'ARE, BOSS! YOU TRADE KNIFE AND TOBACCO FOR CRAZY WHITE BOY?

OH--OH! IT'S BACK TO DUTY--IN THE GUARDHOUSE AGAIN! THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR TRYING TO BE A HERO!

SURE THING, CHIEF!

CRIME ON THE RUN



IT WAS A GRIM GAME OF POST OFFICE THAT EDDIE GREEN PLAYED WITH BIG SHOTS OF THE UNDERWORLD. EDDIE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM WANTED MEN AND FUGITIVES, AND CARRIED OUT ALL REQUESTS FOR PISTOL PACKIN' PAPAS WHO LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESSES. BUT WHEN EDDIE CHANGED HIS OWN ADDRESS, THE G-MEN SET A TRAP WHICH EDDIE HAD BAITED HIMSELF!

EDDIE GREEN'S HEADQUARTERS IN MINNEAPOLIS WAS IN A QUIET APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE HE LIVED UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME...

GOOD MORNING, MR RANDALL. I'VE GOT A FEW LETTERS FOR YOU!

THANKS AH, ONE FROM AUNT MABEL-- BUT I'D BETTER HURRY LATE FOR WORK!



LETTERS FROM DOC BARKER AND AL KARPIS. MAYBE THEY'RE IN A JAM AFTER THAT LAST BANK JOB!



REACHING THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, EDDIE STILL AROUSES NO SUSPICION...



I'LL PHONE THE NEWS ABOUT DOC AND AL TO HARRY SO HE'LL BE READY TO EXCHANGE THE HOT MONEY!





DILLINGER KNOWS BANKS! ANOTHER LIKE THIS AND WE CAN TAKE A VACATION!



HOW D'YUH LIKE THIS GETAWAY ROUTE I DOPED OUT? NOT BAD, EDDIE. NOW FIGURE ONE FROM THE FIRST NATIONAL IN MASON CITY!



WE CAME TO MAKE A WITHDRAWAL, CHUM. DON'T STEP ON THAT ALARM SWITCH!

JOHN DILLINGER! HOMER VAN METER! BABY FACE NELSON!



ABOUT FIFTY GRAND, HUH?

YEAH. WE CAN GO BACK TO MINNEAPOLIS NOW AND TAKE IT EASY!



BUT EDDIE'S NEW NEIGHBORS ARE TOO HOT FOR COMFORT!

I AIN'T STICKIN' AROUND THIS NECK OF THE WOODS, RUTH! WE'RE MOVIN' OVER TO ST. PAUL!

A SAFE BET, EDDIE. THE G-MEN ARE ON DILLINGER'S TRAIL NOW!



THEN DILLINGER WALKS IN!

HUH-HUH! DON'T MOVE OUT ON ACCOUNT OF ME, EDDIE! I'M MOVIN' OVER TO ST. PAUL!

OKAY! WE'LL STAY HERE AND HOMER VAN METER CAN TAKE THE PLACE I RENTED IN ST. PAUL!



ST. PAUL PROVES UNLUCKY FOR DILLINGER--

SOMETHING QUEER ABOUT THAT COUPLE WHO JUST MOVED IN! SHADES ALWAYS DOWN, AND THEY ALWAYS LEAVE BY THE REAR!

THE LANDLADY'S TIP AROUSES SUSPICION AT THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE F.B.I.

WE CAN'T LEAVE A STONE UNTURNED! KEEP A 24 HOUR WATCH ON THAT FLAT!

OKAY, CHIEF. IF DILLINGER, KARPIS OR NELSON IS HOLED UP THERE, WE'LL TAG 'EM!

NUTS! WE'VE HUNG AROUND ALL NIGHT AND NOTHING HAPPENED!

I'M NOT SURE! PHONE THE POLICE TO SEND OVER A PLAIN-CLOTHES DICK!

JOINED BY THE PLAINCLOTHES MAN, THE G-MAN MAKES A BOLD MOVE.

NOW LET'S SEE WHO THIS MR. AND MRS. HELLMAN ARE!

KEEP TO THE SIDE. THEY MAY SHOOT THROUGH THE DOOR!

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ARE YOU MRS. HELLMAN?

WHO WANTS TO KNOW? WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

NO, WAIT! WE DON'T WANT TO FUMBLE THIS! I'LL PHONE THE OFFICE FOR SOME MEN TO GUARD THE EXITS!

I DON'T LIKE THAT MOLL'S LOOK!

303

FIR ST

JUST A MINUTE, MISTER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHO-ME? I'M A SOAP SALESMAN!

FIR ST

LET'S SEE YOUR SAMPLES, FELLA!

NUTS TO YOU, COPPER. DON'T FOLLOW ME IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!



JUMP IN THE JALOPY, EVELYN. WE'LL SHOOT OUR WAY THROUGH ANY ROAD BLOCKS!



UPSTAIRS, THE PLAINCLOTHESMAN IS DRIVEN BACK BY DILLINGER---

DIRTY COPPERS! THE BEST OF YOU WILL NEVER GET ME!

OUT THE BACK WAY, QUICK, HONEY!



WHILE DILLINGER FLEES---

YES, CHIEF. I'M SURE THE GUY IN APARTMENT 303 WAS DILLINGER!

YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THE SOAP SALESMAN FITS THAT OF HOMER VAN METER. WE'VE ALREADY LOCATED HIS APARTMENT!



THE APARTMENT WAS RENTED BY ONE D.A. STEVENS OF MINNEAPOLIS! I'M SENDING TWO MEN THERE TO INVESTIGATE!

THAT'S THE STUFF, CHIEF! WORK FAST BEFORE THEY LAM!



VAN METER SEEKS REFUGE IN MINNEAPOLIS---

EDDIE! THE G-MEN CAUGHT US AT DILLINGERS. WE SHOT IT OUT WITH 'EM!

NOW THEY'LL LOCATE THE FLAT I RENTED OVER THERE AND FIND ME WHEN THEY TRACE BACK!



ALL FACTS AND NAMES OF PERSONS AND PLACES IN THIS STORY ARE TRUE,
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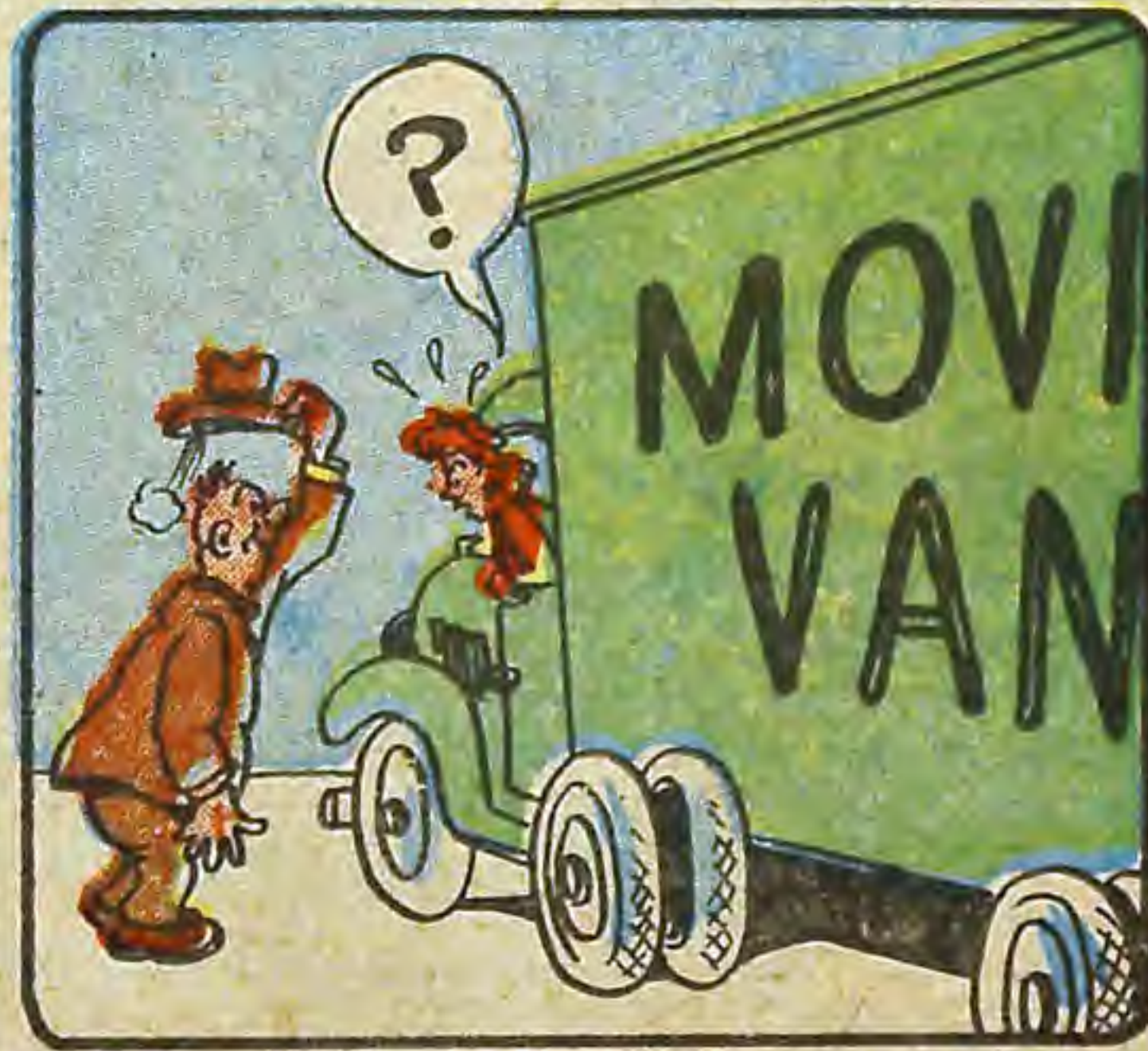
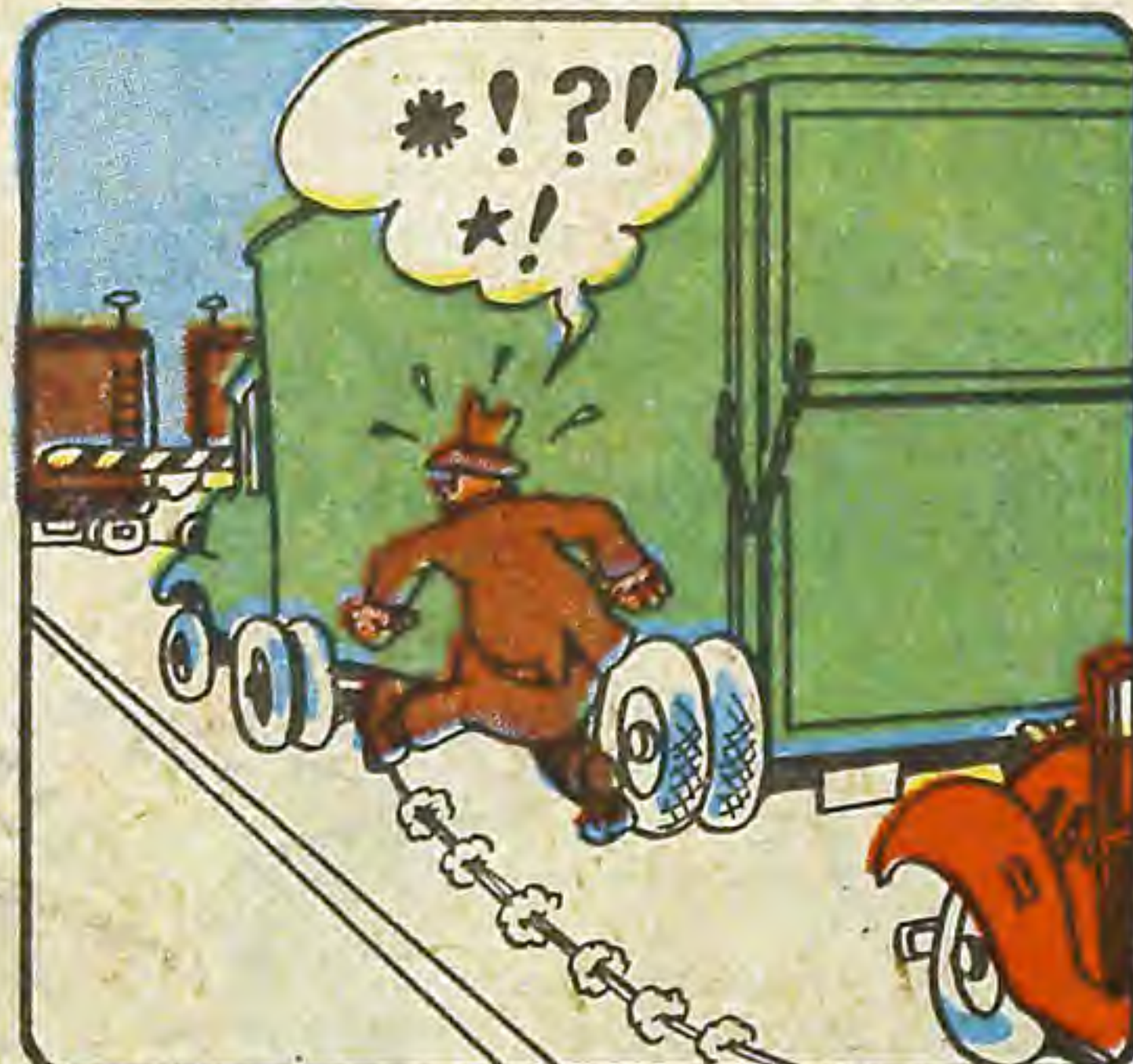
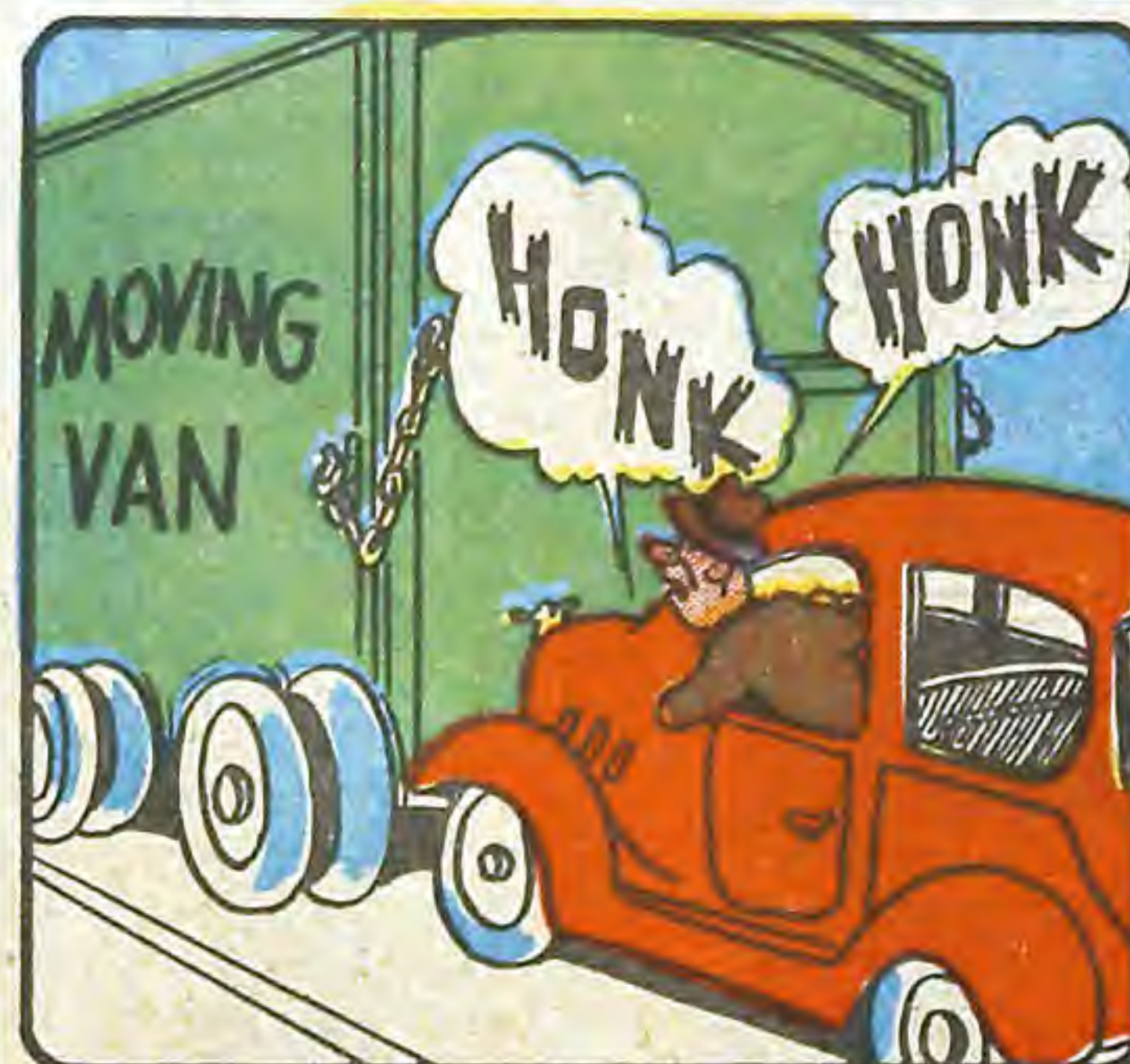
LET'S NOT JUMP
AT CONCLUSIONS,
LADY-- WITH HOUSING
CONDITIONS AS
THEY ARE!



--AND I SUPPOSE
YOU'RE A
GOBLET?



BUT EASTER ONLY
COMES *ONCE* A
YEAR, DEARIE!



THREE KNIGHTS IN A DAZE

By BILL HARR

The Pipp Boys—Manny, Moe and Jack, were painting the dome of an astronomical observatory.

At this particular moment, a group of intelligent but tidy scientists were gathered in the observatory, while outside, a giant rocket was poised for a trip to the moon.

The savants were attempting to make last-minute calculations, but the Pipp Boys, who knew no different, painted the polished lens of the powerful telescope an opaque yellow. That made the scientists see red.

The learned men whisked themselves out of the observatory and started climbing up the outside of the building toward the dome. The Pipp Boys could see that the old fellows were not coming up merely for a bit of a chitchat. And so they slid down the telescope and piled up inside on the observatory floor.

The august scientists, puffing like it was the middle of July, took up the chase. Whereupon the Pipp Boys disappeared through the first door they found. The scientists stopped aghast!

"They entered the rocket ship," squealed Professor Bazook, "and it's set to go off in a second!" A terrific explosion punctuated the end of his sentence as the rocket ship zoomed into the stratosphere.

When the Pipp Boys un-knotted their limbs in the tail of the sky skimmer, Jack said: "Look, brothers. This is an emergency, and right here is a sign which says: PULL CORD IN EMERGENCY."

All being agreeable at this stage of the game, the cord was pulled. The result of the action was that the front of the ship gracefully nosed down, pointed south and headed for parts unknown.

Some time later, the Pipp Boys found themselves emulating ostriches in hot sand. Manny pulled his top piece out of the stuff and then yanked his brothers airward.

"This must be the Great American Desert," said Moe, whereupon the other two joined him in the chorus—J-E-L-L-O.

"You're all wrong," chimed in a strange voice with a spine-chilling rasp. "It's the Arabian Desert."

The Pipp Boys corkscrewed their necks in unison to ogle the new speaker. When they saw several bearded geezers draped in Arab's outfits and sitting astride camels, they thought they were on a movie set.

Said Moe: "Say—how do we get back to

Hollywood—and how about loaning us a few camels?"

"We are not movie extras," clipped the bearded Arab. "We are Arabians—the McCoy. Now get moving. We take you to our chief."

Arriving at the tent of Chief Ali Bon Ami, the Pipp Boys were suspected of being spies. Chief Ali pointed a wicked looking sabre at the boys and smiled: "I'll let you in on this in the morning!"

Manny, Moe and Jack were placed in a tent and three Arab guards stood watch outside. But when the guards began dozing at the proper moment, the brothers burrowed under the tent, mercifully conked their captors and donned their long flowing robes, which should have been sent to the laundry long ago.

They hot-footed it out of the camp and started across the desert. When morning came, their energy went. They were dog-tired, starving and dying of thirst.

But just when they were ready to give up the ship, Moe spied a British flag flying over a desert stronghold. "Yahoo!" he cried in true Yankee fashion. "We're saved!"

But alas! When the boys started running wildly toward the stronghold, the British spotted their flowing robes, figured they were renegades come to attack, and opened up with Tommy guns. The brothers dived headlong behind a sand dune.

Jack suddenly took on an air of disgust. "You dopes—let's get these bedsheets off. They think we're Arabs!"

As British soldiers approached them cautiously, Manny yelled: "We're Yanks. You know, way down upon the Swannee River—I wish I wuz in de land ob cotton?" Whereupon the Pipp Brothers were taken before Captain Wimple.

"Why, you're the three blokes who took off in that rocket ship!" the captain cackled. "We've got to send you back to America at once!"

"Not that," pleaded Moe. "They'll clap us into the nearest jail!"

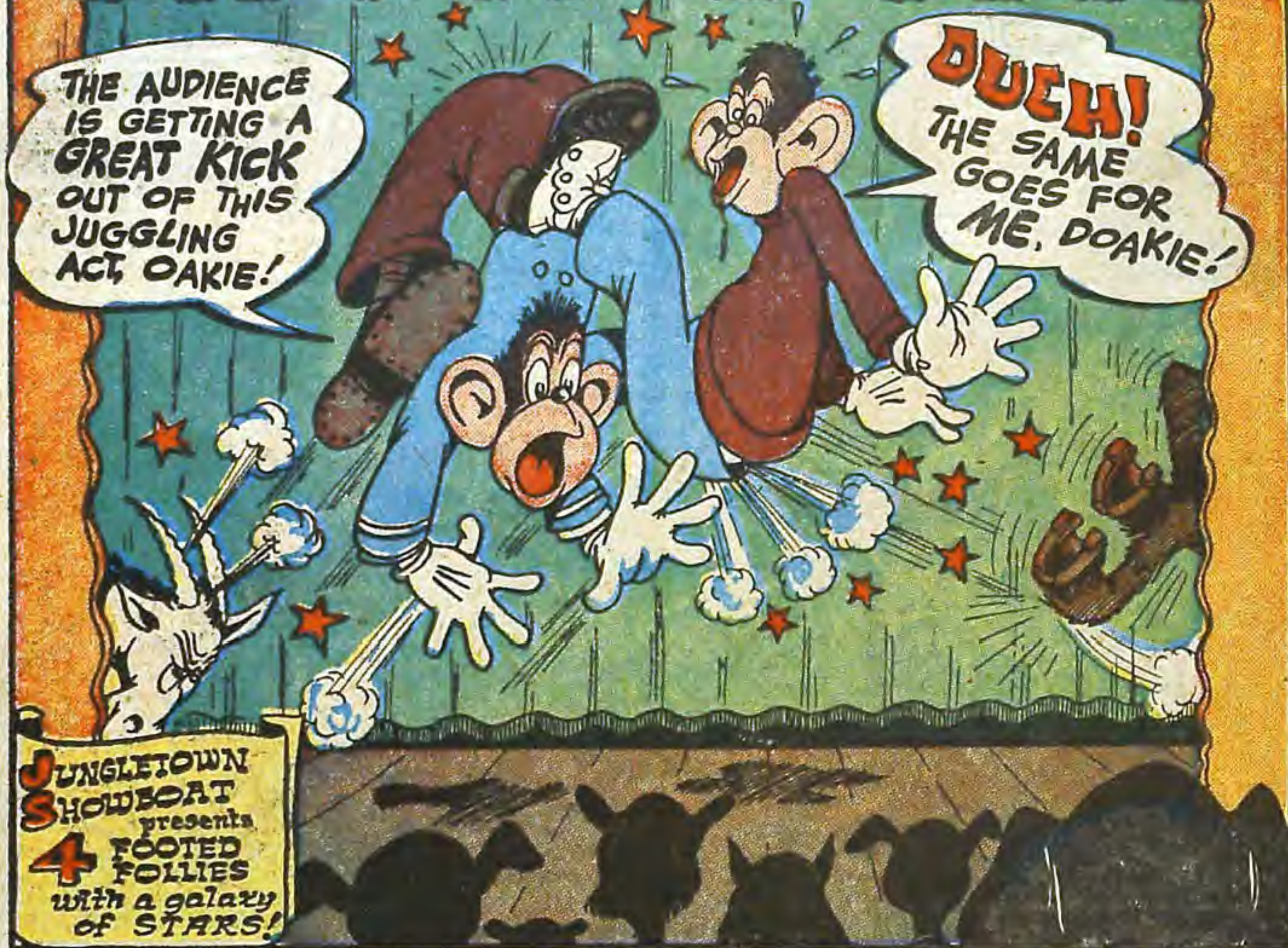
"Jail?" queried the Cap. Then, putting an arm about each one of the Pipp Boys (this captain had three arms), he said: "Why, the world is waiting to acclaim you boys. Just think of it—the Pipp Boys, first passengers ever to ride in a rocket ship. You're heroes!"

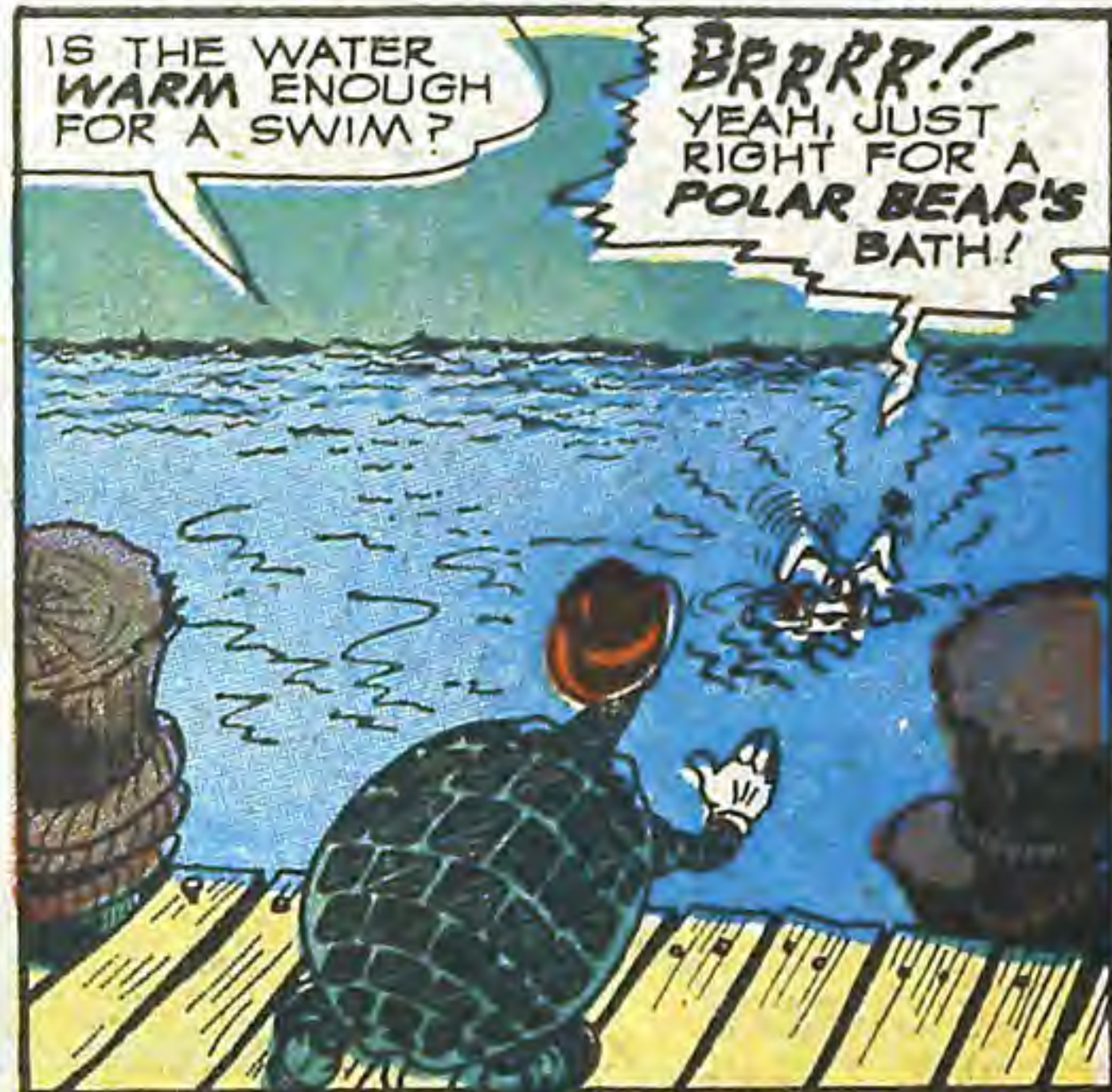
Manny took Moe and Jack aside and whispered: "Does that pay off?"

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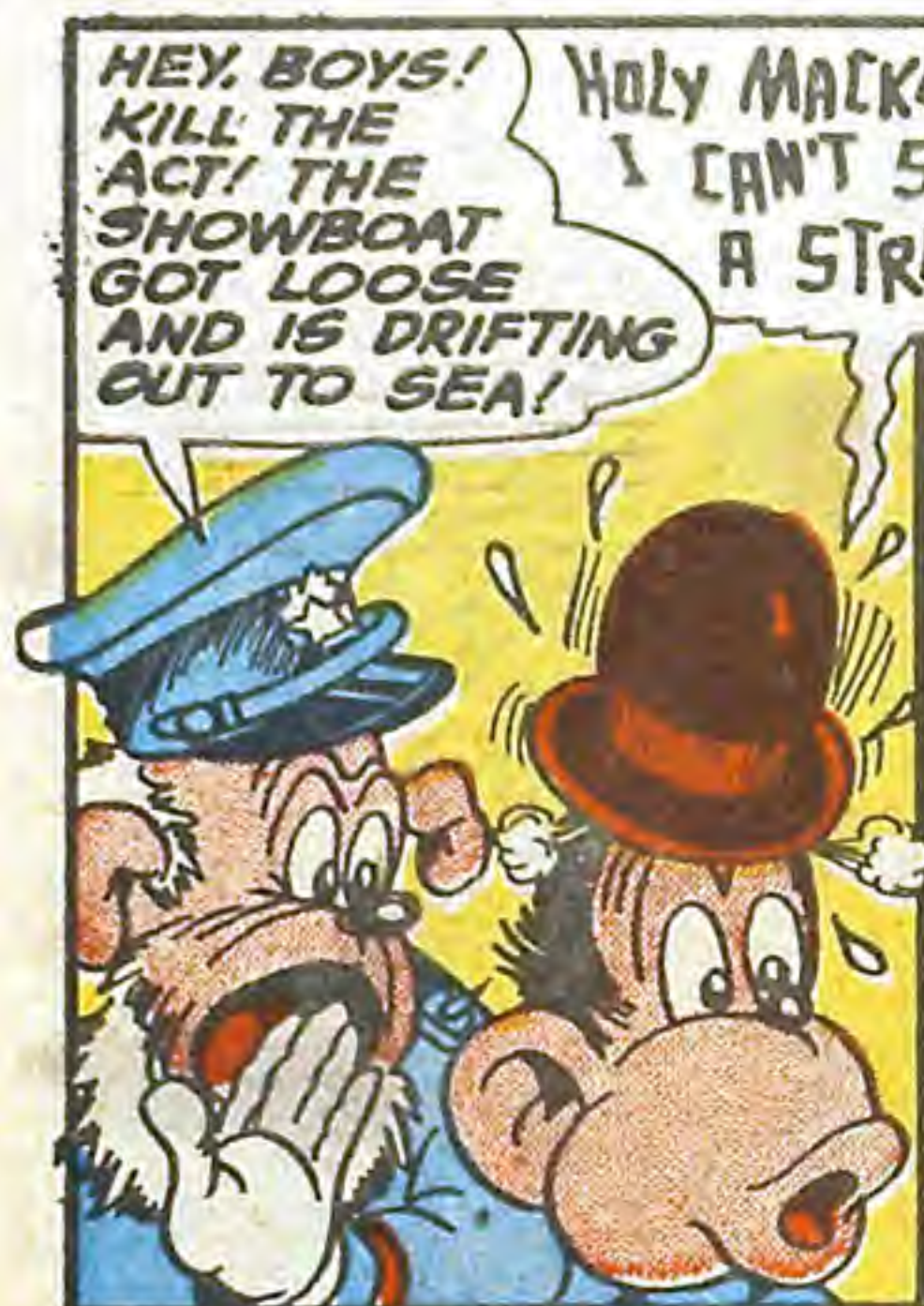
JUNGLETOWN SHOW BOAT











HEY, BOYS!
KILL THE
ACT! THE
SHOWBOAT
GOT LOOSE
AND IS DRIFTING
OUT TO SEA!

HOLY MACKEREL!
I CAN'T SWIM
A STROKE!

DOPE!
IDIOT!
WHAT
D'YUH
HAFTA
HAM UP
OUR ACT FOR?

THE
SHOWBOAT
IS DRIFTING
OUT TO SEA!
WE'LL ALL
DROWN!



QUIET, EVERYBODY!
DON'T LEAVE YOUR
SEATS! A TUGBOAT
WILL TAKE US BACK
TO THE PIER AND THE
SHOW WILL CONTINUE!



THERE'S CAP'N
FORPAUGHS
HAILING US TO
COME ALONGSIDE!

MAKE HIM PAY
THROUGH THE
NOSE, TOMMY!



THROW DOWN
THE MONEY,
CAP'N FORPAUGHS!
WE WANT CASH
IN ADVANCE!

OKAY, HOPHEAD!
BUT I'LL
REMEMBER
THIS!



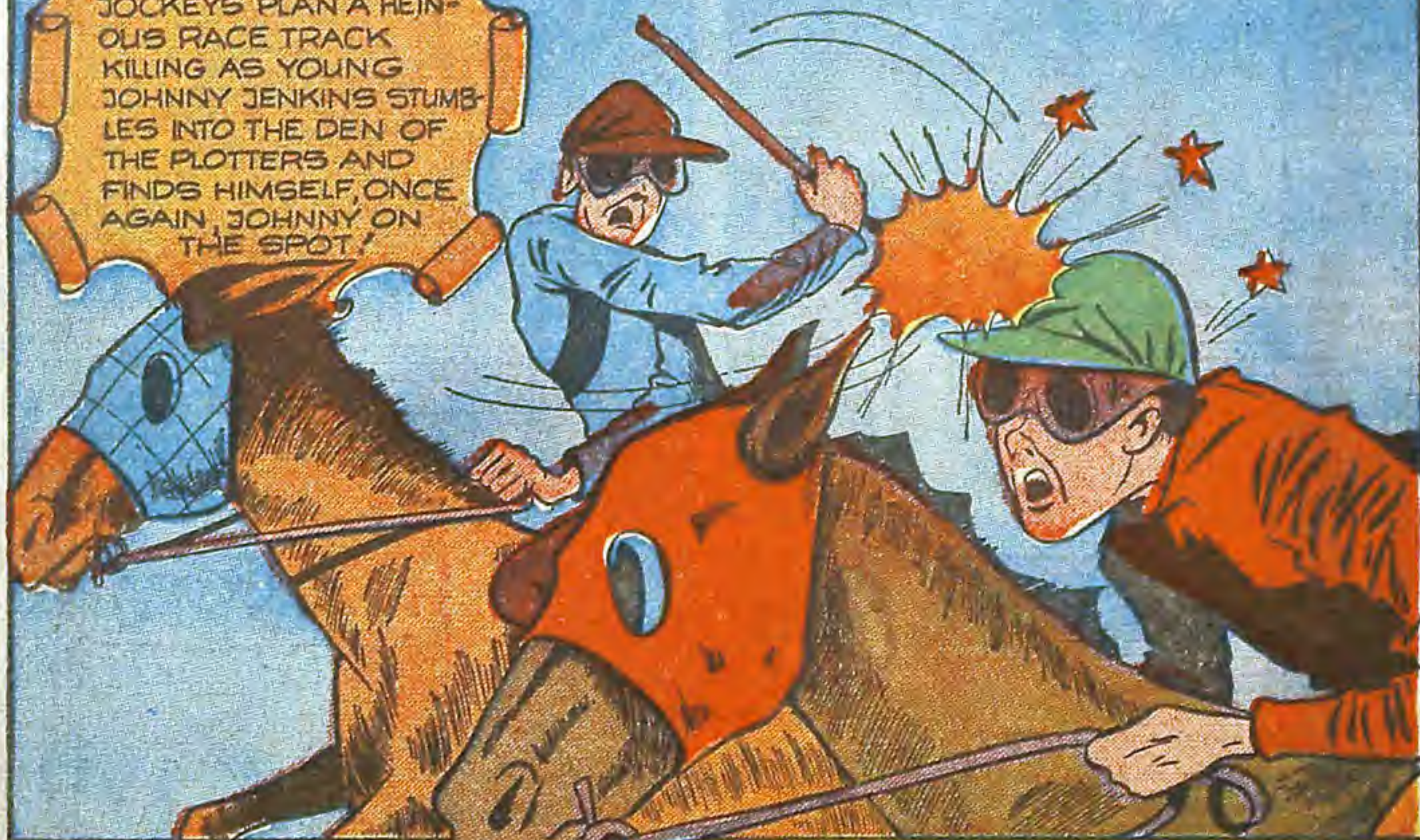
FIFTY-FIFTY, EH,
TOMMY? HERE'S
YOUR HALF! I'M
JUMPIN' AS SOON
AS WE REACH
THE PIER!



YOU CAN'T GET
AWAY WITH THIS,
FORPAUGHS!

OH, YEAH? NEXT
TIME HOPHEAD
CUTS OUR MOORING
ROPE, HE'LL GET
SOMETHING WORSE
THAN **STAGE MONEY!**

COLD BLOODED GAMBLERS AND CROOKED JOCKEYS PLAN A HEINOUS RACE TRACK KILLING AS YOUNG JOHNNY JENKINS STUMBLES INTO THE DEN OF THE PLOTTERS AND FINDS HIMSELF, ONCE AGAIN, JOHNNY ON THE SPOT!



JOHNNY ON THE SPOT

SLIP IN, BIRCHIE! YOUR SPORTY SIDEKICK IS TAKING YOU TO THE RACES!

OH, JOHNNY, WON'T THAT BE TOO EXPENSIVE?



NOT AT ALL, CUTIE, WE'LL SEE THE MORNING WORKOUTS---



WHICH COST NOTHING AT ALL!

I THOUGHT THERE WAS A CATCH TO IT!













Seven Furlongs for Bombshell

By BILL HARR

Now it can be told—because nobody would listen before—about how the Pipp Boys—Manny, Moe and Jack—smashed a Nazi ring of saboteurs during the war.

But first, a word about the extraordinary Pipp Boys, a trio of nitwits who usually out-nit the best wits by virtue of their own individual brand of stupidity.

Manny the plump, a moon-faced individual with a planet-like body, once won first prize in a parade of helium-filled gargoyles—and he wasn't even playing! Moe, a mop-haired character with a caricature of a face for a face, used to model for Hallowe'en masks. Jack, a sad-faced elongated moron, rented himself out as a scarecrow during the depression. All in all, the Pipp Boys applied their lack of any talent whatsoever to the necessary evil of making a living—but only when pangs of hunger forced the issue.

In this amazing episode, Hans Fritz, the chief Nazi spy, was—of all things—the racing selector on the *Daily Call*. Whenever there was a bridge to be blown up, he would notify his henchmen by using pre-arranged coded phrases in his horse comments.

Before the spies got started on their heinous endeavors, however, the F.B.I. men nabbed Fritz and slapped him in the clink for questioning, among other subtleties. That left the *Daily Call* without a pony prognosticator.

At this propitious moment, the Pipp Boys were sitting in a park and wondering where their next meal was coming from. A copy of the *Daily Call* blew in front of them and there, in big letters, was an ad for a racing selector.

In view of the fact that the Pipp Boys knew nothing about everything, they figured they couldn't know less about handicapping than anything. Thus bolstered by their own inane method of reasoning, they trotted down to the *Daily Call* and sold the worried editor a bill of goods. In no time flat they were installed as the *Daily Call's* racing experts.

Everything went along fine, with the racing patrons who read the *Daily Call* not losing any more money than usual, until the Pipp Boys wrote a comment on a horse named Bombshell. The comment read: BOMBSHELL—not ready yet. It looked innocent enough, but it so happened that "bombshell" also was the spies' code word for dirty work afoot. The spies didn't know that their chief, Fritz,

was in the hoosegow, and they interpreted the code to mean that the time wasn't ripe to blow up the bridge.

Every day the Nazis carefully read the Pipp Boys' daily comments on the nags, and always "bombshell" wasn't ready. Finally they got tired of waiting and paid a visit to the *Daily Call's* so-called racing experts.

"What are you guys doing here?" the head spy hissed.

"Us? Why the chief hired us," blurted Manny the plump. The Nazi thought he meant the chief spy and let it go at that. "Okay," he said. "But what about bombshell?"

"Not a chance!" said Moe, looking as intelligent as any other racing selector.

A few days later, Moe decided that the horse was ready for a winning effort and in that day's *Daily Call* appeared the comment: BOMBSHELL—this is the day! Then things happened.

When the spies read that, they were overjoyed. They set about gathering their equipment and then rushed out to the bridge which they were going to blow up. In the meantime, however, Fritz, the chief spy, spilled the beanolas to the G-men about the code system. That sent the F.B.I. fellows speeding to the *Daily Call* where they quizzed the Pipp Boys.

Suddenly Moe remembered that he had written the comment: BOMBSHELL—this is the day. "Ye Gods!" yelled the top G-man. "We've got to get to the bridge and stop 'em!"

The F.B.I.ers and the Pipp Boys (what a combination), rushed to the bridge and nabbed the spies before they had the chance to light their firecrackers. Thus the Pipp Boys—Manny, Moe and Jack—were instrumental, although unwittingly, in smashing the enemy sabotage ring. But that's not the end of the story.

The owner of the *Daily Call* happened to be at the race track that very day. He was picking his own horses and losing every bet. Finally he decided to read his own paper and see what his selectors picked. As luck would have it, Bombshell was the selection in the next race. He had heard a lot about the horse lately and decided to sink the remainder of his wad on the hayburner. It lost!

And so it came to pass that when the Pipp Boys returned to the *Daily Call* building, all elated over helping the G-men capture the spies, they were fired!

PUNCH & CUTIEY

BEFORE I CAN ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE MOSQUITO WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP, WILL SOMEBODY PLEASE TOSS ME A COUPLE OF SMALL STRAITJACKETS!

OR A WILDCAT TAMER!



HOWDY DO, MISS CUTIEY! I CAME OVER TO SEE YOUR BROTHER!

DOC DINGLE? PUNCH IS WORKING ON HIS SCRAPBOOK, BUT COME RIGHT IN!

ER RHEM! I SEE THE CHAMPION IS RESTING ON HIS LAURELS! I'LL HAVE TO TICKLE HIM!

SIX--SEVEN--EIGHT! COME ON, PUNCH! YOU'RE CROWDING THE BELL!

HUH--? WHA--? LEMME ALONE!







LET'S GO!
YOU'LL CATCH
MUMPS OR
MEASLES FROM
THAT **MOB** OF
MOPPETS!

NAW, CUTEY. THOSE
BRATS ARE **TOO**
HEALTHY. ALL I'LL
CATCH FROM 'EM
IS **TONIC BOTTLES!**



HERE COMES
PUNCH NOW,
MICKEY.
**QUIET
DOWN!**

LEMME AT DAT
LI'L BUM. HE'D BE
AFRAID TO FIGHT
ME OUTSIDE!



I'LL MAKE
YOUSE EAT
DEM WOIDS,
MCCOY!

**EASY DOES
IT, JIMMY!**
MICKEY CAN'T
EAT NUTHIN'
TILL THE
FIGHT'S **OVER!**



LADEEZ AND GENTZ!
WE COME NOW
TO THE FINAL BOUT
OF--**OOOW!**



GO ON,
PUNCH! I'LL
CATCH THE
COKE
BOTTLES!

-- OF THE
SILVER GLOVES.
IN THE LEFT
CORNER IS
MICKEY "KID"
MCCOY,
WEIGHING
112 POUNDS!



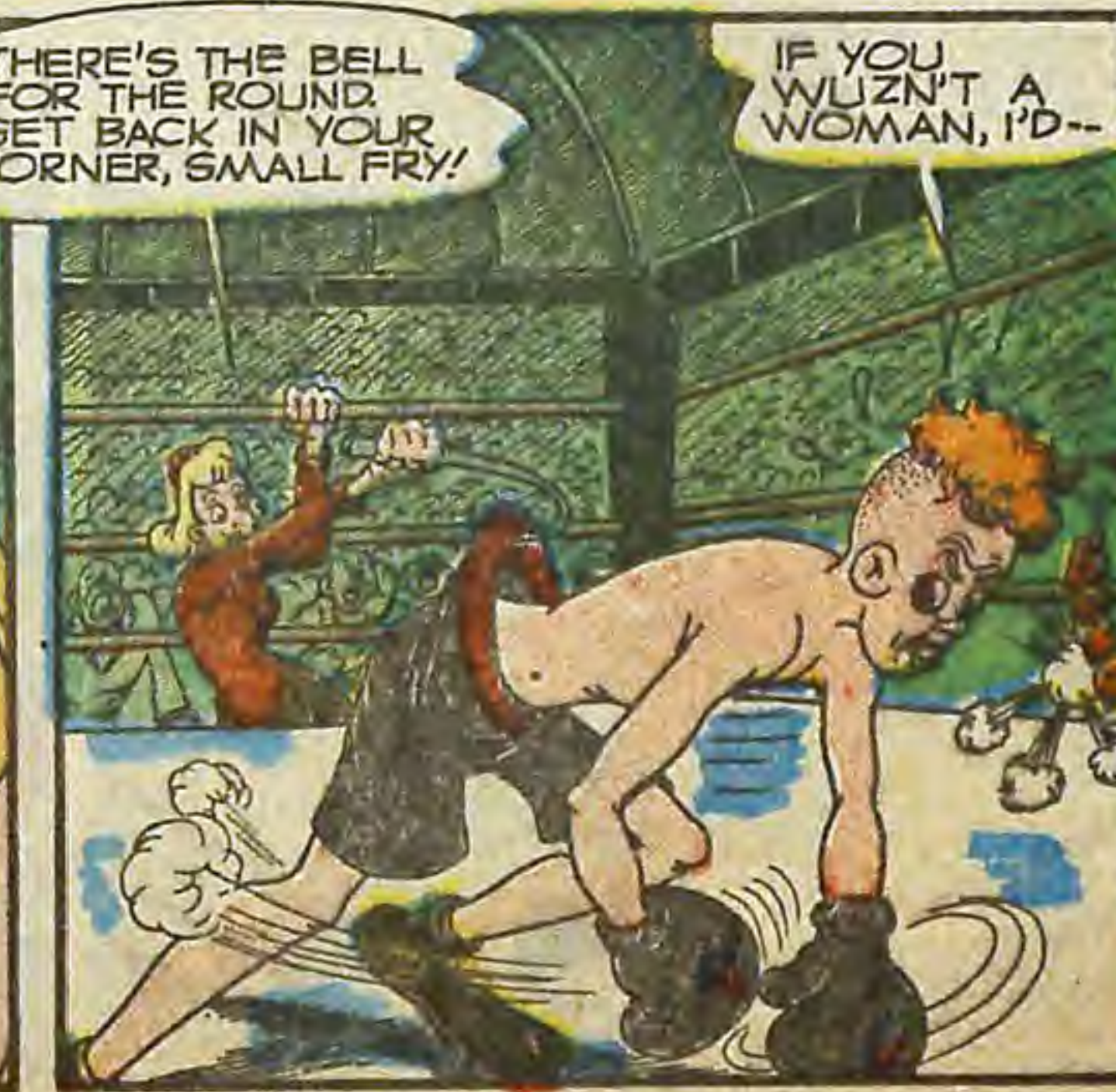
YEAH--AN' I CAN
LICK ANY BUM
WEIGHING **TWICE**
THAT--!

--AND AT MY RIGHT,
GENTLEMAN
JIM SCANLON,
WEIGHING **111--**



OKAY, BOYS! I
WANNA SEE A
CLEAN FIGHT. YOU
KNOW THE RULES--

YEAH--YOU **CALL**
'EM AS I
BUST 'EM!



I WAS SAVED BY THE **BELL**, CUTEY! THOSE KIDS ARE **TERRORS**!



GIVE 'EM PLENTY OF ROOM IN THE NEXT ROUND, PUNCH!

I'M SITTING **THIS** ROUND OUT. TEAR YOURSELVES APART FOR ALL I CARE!



OKAY, PUNCH! JUST WATCH!

WHATS A MATTER, CAN'T YUH TAKE IT, SQUIRT?



IT'S **YOU** WHO'S BACKIN' UP!

HEY, YOU! PUNCH O'MALLEY! THEY'LL KILL 'EMSELVES!



BREAK IT UP, PUNCH! YOU'RE THE REFEREE!

OKAY, YOUSE BRATS! BREAK THE CLINCH!

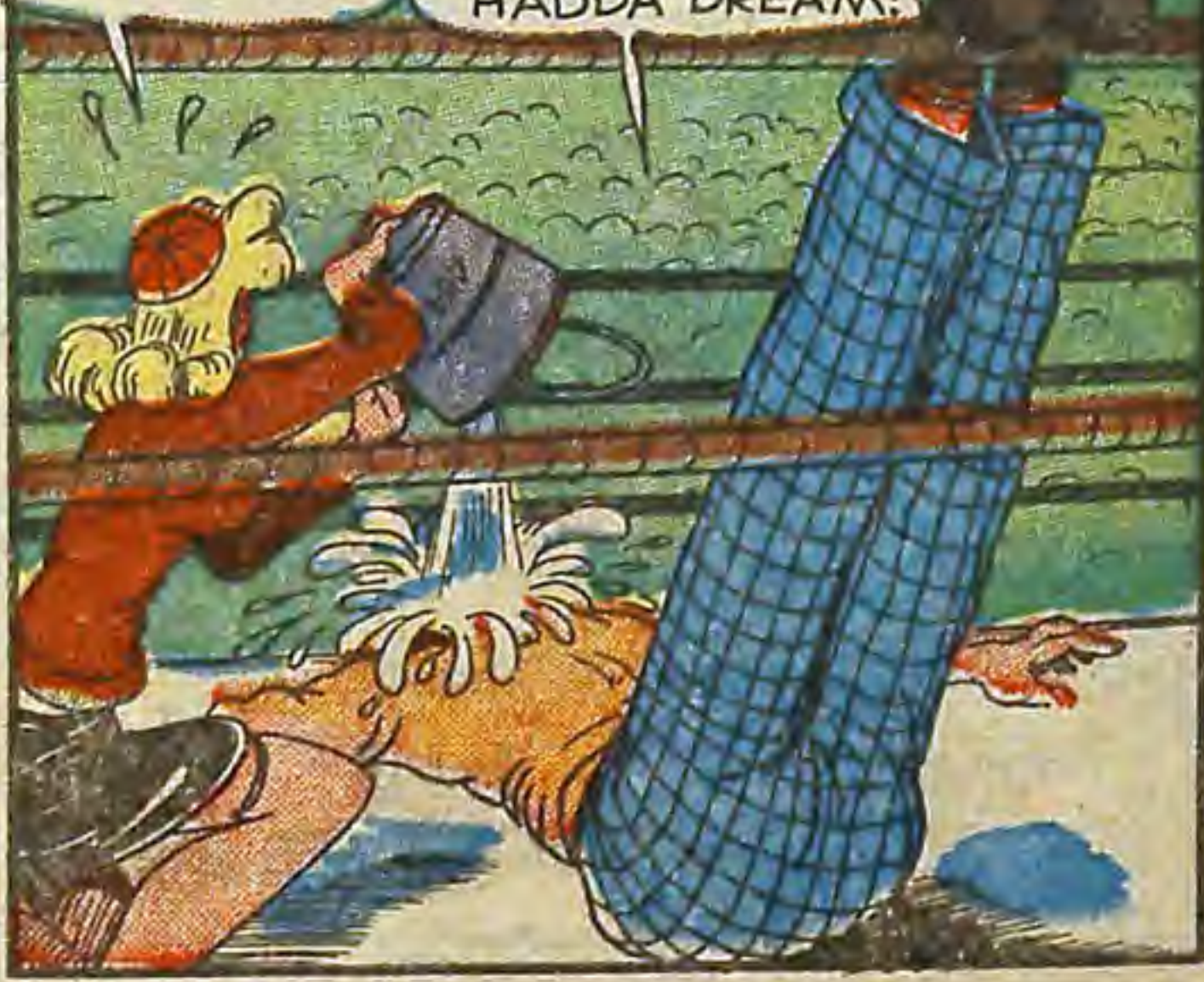


JUST AS YOU SAY, SIR!



WE ALWAYS BREAK AT THE BELL, MR. O'MALLEY!

SPEAK TO ME, PUNCH! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



YEAH-I-I-MUST'VE FELL ASLEEP ON THE STOOL AN' HADDA DREAM!

NO WONDER PUNCH FAINTED, CUTEY. THE BOYS WON'T GO AT IT SO HOT AND HEAVY IN THE THIRD ROUND!

SLOW MOTION PICTURES OF THIS SCRAP WOULD MAKE ME DIZZY, DOC!

C'MON NOW, BOYS! SHOW THE FANS SOME SCIENTIFIC BOXING AN' CUT OUT THE STREET FIGHT TACTICS!

HOW'S ABOUT MAKING THIS ROUND A SLEEPER, JIMMY?

OKAY-- I'LL PULL MY PUNCHES IF YOU PULL YOURS!



YOU'RE ON, SUCKER! BUT FIRST I'LL PULL A FAST ONE!



A SLEEPER HE SAID! I'LL GIVE HIM AN EIGHT HOUR NAP!

ONE--TWO--THREE--FOUR--
HUH--?



HEY, COME BACK! YOU CAN'T FIGHT OUTSIDE THE ROPES!



MY GOODNESS, CUTEY! BOTH OF THEM ARE OUT-- COLD! I'M GOING TO STOP THE FIGHT!

YEAH, DOC! PUNCH HAS HAD ENOUGH FOR ONE NIGHT!

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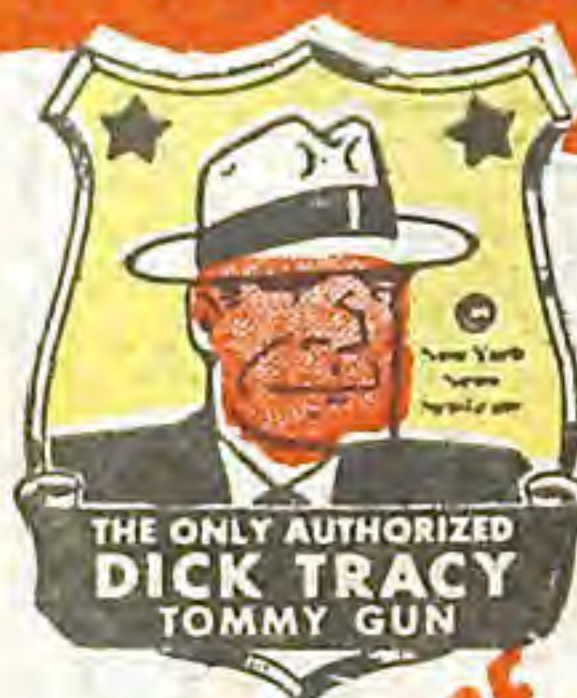
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THE POLICE OVER TO SECRET
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HAD THIS DICK
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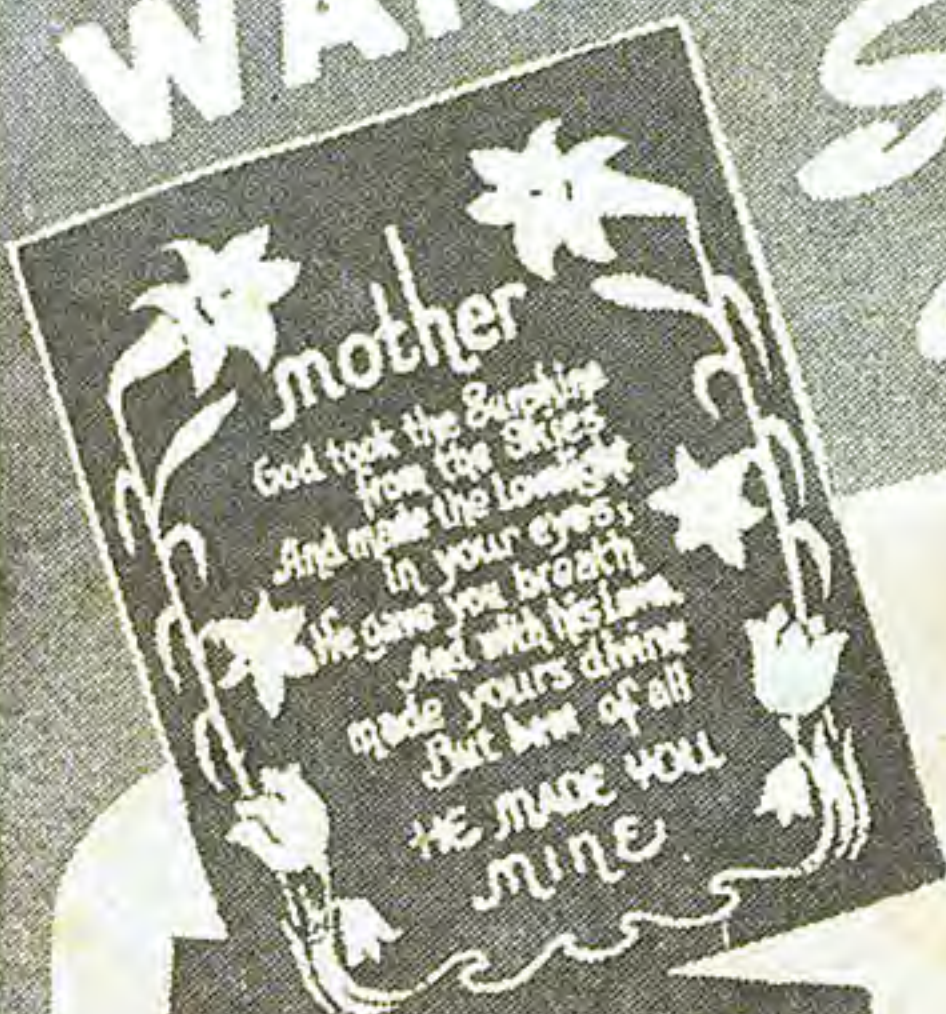
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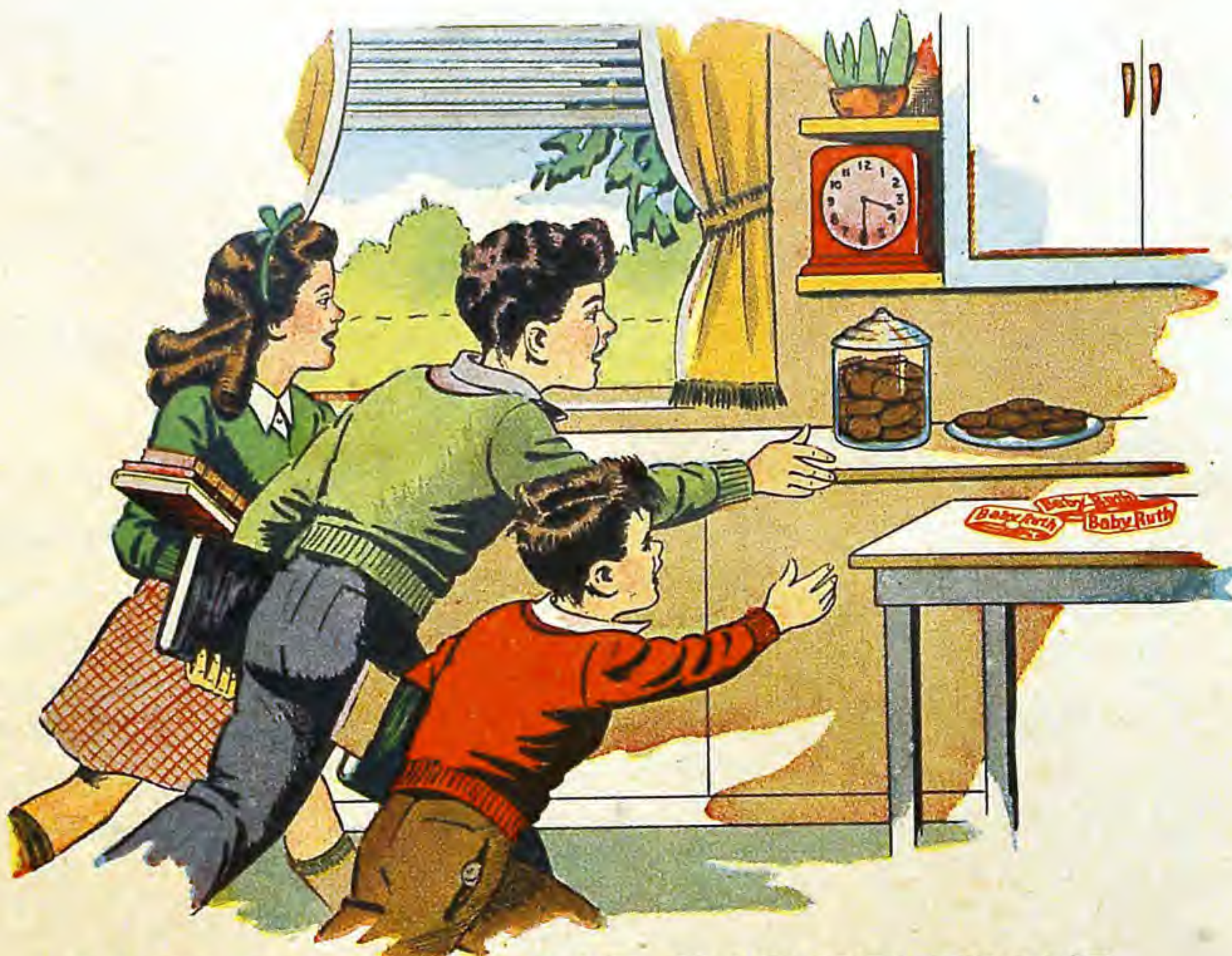
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